



This newsletter contains information compiled by the AGR Office that is of general interest to all Active Guard Reserve (AGR) military personnel. The information contained herein is derived from such sources as the National Guard Bureau (NGB), Military Personnel Office (MILPO), Military Pay Office (MILPAY), and Human Resources Office (HRO) as it pertains to full-time National Guard employment. The distribution of this newsletter is being expanded to include the air community and the term soldier will be replaced with military personnel when appropriate in an effort to include the entire AZNG community.

## WELCOME ABOARD

### *Army Guard*

SSG Gary Ahrens, WAATS  
eff 22 Nov 00

SGT Robert Benton, WAATS  
eff 11 Dec 00

SGT Stephen Martin, Det 4 STARC,  
eff 11 Dec 00

SGT Michael Wilson, HHB 1/180<sup>th</sup>  
FA, eff 4 Dec 00

## Retirement

CW5 Cletus McMurtry, WAATS , ret  
31 Dec 00

SSG Arthur Rivas, Det 1 2222 ret  
30 Nov 00

SSG Kathy Hunter, 158<sup>th</sup> Finance, ret  
28 Feb 01

## RESIGNATIONS

MAJ Harold Jones, HQ STARC,  
eff 4 Nov 00,

2LT Dale Foerschler, HHC 1/285<sup>th</sup>  
Avn Bn, eff 3 Nov 00

SFC Doyle Morrison, Det 4 STARC  
resigned eff 1 Jan 01

SSG Mauro (Jim) Quevedo Jr, Det 4  
STARC, eff 31 Oct 00

SPC Julianne Bolson, HQ STARC,  
resigned eff 8 Jan 01

## WEBSITES OF THE MONTH

Below are some very helpful websites that some of you may like to add to your favorites.

### Survivor Benefits Information:

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/sbp/>

### Career Counseling:

<http://www.counseling.army.mil/>

### Defense News Releases and Updates:

<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/#News>

## HAD ANY CHANGES IN YOUR LIFE LATELY?

Have you moved, got married, new dependant? Be sure that your PAC does a DA 5960 with those changes ASAP and submit it to this office on a SIDPERS T/L. Make sure that you have a copy of your mortgage or rental agreement attached to verify the information if you have moved. BAH is paid based on duty station not HOR, but DFAS requires

that you must pay something for living quarters to be entitled to BAH. Federal recognitions and promotions are to be submitted on a MILPAY T/L directly from the PAC. This office does not submit promotion orders, but they are still required to be routed through this office on a SIDPERS T/L. SIDPERS does not drive AGR pay, so even if it shows on the data base, it does not mean that it is input into DFAS unless you see the pay grade increase on your LES. Change of address for the Air Guard must be done on a AF FM 512. All personal data (new additions, marriage) see your MPF representative.

## TRICARE BRIEFING

There is a TRICARE briefing scheduled on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1100 hours in Russell Auditorium. This briefing is open to any military personnel who would like some more information on TRICARE benefits.

## WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME

The AGR office is pleased to welcome our newest employee Tsgt Pauline F. Gonzalez. Tsgt Gonzalez will be handling the AGR Benefits and much, much more. Many of you may know Tsgt Gonzalez from her Technician Staffing position in Human Resources. She is assigned with the 161<sup>st</sup> ARW.



## NCO Pay Increase

The information below was extracted from an article in the Army Times dated 27 November 2000.

The Pentagon is putting the final touches on a new military pay table that likely will mean bigger raises for noncommissioned officers and petty officers, the Defense Department's top personnel official says.

The extra pay would take the place of targeted raises for E-5s, E6s and E7s included in the 2001 Defense Authorization Act. The pay hikes approved by Congress are \$32 a month for E5s, \$51 a month for E6s, and \$58 a month for E7s. They take effect July 1, 2001, unless the Pentagon submits a targeted pay plan that lawmakers like even better.

## NATIONAL GUARD, RESERVE FORCES TO BENEFIT FROM NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Nearly 1.4 million members of the National Guard and Reserve will benefit significantly from the \$309.9 billion fiscal 2001 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which President Clinton signed into law Oct. 30.

Starting Jan. 1, Guard and Reserve members will see a 3.7 percent increase in drill and annual training pay, and numerous other incentives and benefits that the Department of Defense believes will keep them in uniform longer and attract more young people to join the force.

For more information visit the DOD websites listed below:

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<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/releases.html>

Department of Defense home page:  
<http://www.defenselink.mil/>

<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/DailySummary.html>

## Reserve Component Schools for AGR Approved

Effective immediately, Active Army and AGR Personnel will receive credit for attendance at TASS Battalion schools provided the following conditions are met:

1. The institution is accredited by the course proponent.
2. The program of instruction (POI) has been reconfigured into the Army Training System Courseware (TATS-C).
3. For current and budget year (FY 01 and 02), the additional load can be trained within current resources.

For more information, contact the AGR Office at 602-267-2948.

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## AGR HANDBOOK

If you are new to the AGR program or been around a while there is a lot of valuable information in the AGR Handbook, and it is available by email or it can be downloaded from the HRO website at <http://www.azng.com/hro>

## DFAS/LES UPDATE

EOM November LESs are in and have been forwarded to the PACS.

The AGR Office received DFAS Military Pay Information Line Inquiry letters after most of the LESs had been forwarded. If you did not receive one with your LES they have been sent out separately to each PAC.

**WISHING EVERYONE  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY NEW  
YEAR!!!!!!**

*Let us not forget the real reason  
for Christmas celebration.*

